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Whitman et al.

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Sir:

This Amendment follows the Decision on Appeal of July 25, 2006, and is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

A listing of claims, in which amendments to the claims are set forth, begins on page 2 of this paper; and

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